

Task 1. Read the text and choose the correct answer.

The law influences all of us virtually all the time, it governs almost all aspects of our behavior, and even what happens to us when we are no longer alive. It affects us from the embryo onwards. It governs the air we breathe, the food and drink we consume, our travel, family relationships, and our property. It applies at the bottom of the ocean and in space.

Each time we examine a label on a food product, engage in work as an employee or employer, travel on the roads, go to school to learn or to teach, stay in a hotel, borrow a library book, create or dissolve a commercial company, play sports, or engage the services of someone for anything from plumbing a sink to planning a city, we are in the world of law.

Law has also become much more widely recognised as the standard by which behavior needs to be judged. A very telling development in recent history is the way in which the idea of law has permeated all parts of social life. The universal standard of whether something is socially tolerated is progressively becoming whether it is legal, rather than something that has always been considered acceptable. In earlier times, most people were illiterate.

Today, by contrast, a vast number of people can read, and it is becoming easier for people to take an interest in law, and for the general population to help actually shape the law in many countries. However, law is a versatile instrument that can be used equally well for the improvement or the

This, of course, puts law in a very significant position. In our rapidly developing world, all sorts of skills and knowledge are valuable. Those people, for example, with knowledge of computers, the internet, and communications technology are relied upon by the rest of us.

There is now someone with IT skills or an IT help desk in every UK school, every company, every hospital, every local and central government office. Without their knowledge, many parts of commercial and social life today would seize up in minutes. But legal understanding is just as vital and as universally needed. The American comedian Jerry Seinfeld put it like this, 'We are all throwing the dice, playing the game, moving our pieces around the board, but if there is a problem, the lawyer is the only person who has read the inside of the top of the box.' In other words, the lawyer is the only person who has read and made sense of the rules.

The number of laws has never been greater. In the UK alone, about 35 new Acts of Parliament are produced every year, thereby delivering thousands of new rules. The legislative output of the British Parliament has more than doubled in recent times from 1,100 pages a year in the early 1970s, to over 2,500 pages a year today. Between 1997 and

2006, the legislature passed 365 Acts of Parliament and more than 32,000 legally binding statutory instruments. In a system with so much law, lawyers do a great deal not just to vindicate the rights of citizens and organizations but also to help develop the law through legal arguments, some of which are adapted by judges to become laws. Law courts can and do produce new law and revise old law, but they do so having heard the arguments of lawyers.

Questions with A-C Answers:

1. What aspects of life does the law govern according to Paragraph A?
 - A) Only family relationships and property
 - B) Almost all aspects of behavior from birth to death
 - C) Only commercial activities
2. How has the role of law changed in society as described in Paragraph B?
 - A) It has become the universal standard for social behavior
 - B) It has become less important in social life
 - C) It has remained the same as it was in earlier times

3. What is the impact of higher literacy rates on law, according to Paragraph B?
 - A) It has made law more complex and less accessible
 - B) It has had no significant impact on the understanding of law
 - C) It has made it easier for people to engage with and shape the law
4. According to Paragraph C, why is legal understanding considered as vital as IT skills?
 - A) Because legal knowledge is needed only in courts
 - B) Because both legal and IT skills are essential for the functioning of modern society
 - C) Because IT skills are less important than legal understanding
5. How does Jerry Seinfeld's quote relate to the role of lawyers, as mentioned in Paragraph C?
 - A) It highlights the complexity of legal rules and the unique role of lawyers in understanding them
 - B) It suggests that lawyers are unnecessary in understanding rules
 - C) It implies that legal rules are simple and easily understood by everyone
6. What has been the trend in the legislative output of the British Parliament, according to Paragraph D?
 - A) It has remained the same over time
 - B) It has decreased significantly in recent times
 - C) It has more than doubled in recent times
7. What role do lawyers play in the development of law, as described in Paragraph D?
 - A) They have no role in the development of new laws
 - B) They help develop the law through legal arguments which are adapted by judges
 - C) They only vindicate the rights of citizens and organizations without influencing law development
8. What is suggested about the number of laws in the UK in recent years?
 - A) The number of laws has decreased
 - B) The number of laws has remained constant
 - C) The number of laws has significantly increased

Task 2. Read the information about five unusual theatres from around the world. Choose the correct option.

1. **The Vaults, London:** Located beneath Waterloo Station, The Vaults offer a unique and atmospheric setting with winding tunnels and cavernous rooms perfect for immersive shows. This venue allows creators to transform nearly 30,000 square feet into imaginative worlds, such as those depicted in productions like "Alice Underground" and "Sounds and Sorcery".

2. **Regent's Park Open Air Theatre, London:** This open-air theatre in one of London's most beautiful parks provides a different experience from typical indoor theatres. The shows are staged during the summer, offering a magical setting as the sun sets. Productions like "Little Shop of Horrors" take full advantage of this unique venue.

3. **Archipelago Cinema, Thailand:** Designed by German architect Ole Scheeren, this floating cinema was built for the 2012 Film on the Rocks festival in a small lagoon surrounded by cliffs. Inspired by local fishing customs, the screen appeared to hang in the air over the ocean. After the festival, the structure was dismantled and repurposed as rafts for local fishermen.

4. **The End of World Cinema, Egypt:** Conceived by French artist Diynn Eadel, this open-air cinema was located in the Sinai Peninsula desert. Although it was never officially opened due to technical issues, the site with its rows of chairs has gained a post-apocalyptic aesthetic and viral popularity through photographs. However, the site is now closed to visitors.

5. **Hot Tub Cinema, Various Locations:** This concept involves watching movies while sitting in hot tubs, often inflatable pools with heated water. Originating in the UK, Hot Tub Cinema events have

been held in various unusual locations, such as rooftops and abandoned buildings. The screenings typically feature classic films, offering a relaxing and social experience.

These theatres not only provide unique settings but also offer unforgettable experiences that go beyond the typical theatre visit.

1. **Which theatre is known for its unique setting beneath a major train station in London, featuring winding tunnels and cavernous rooms?**
 - A) The End of World Cinema
 - B) The Vaults
 - C) Archipelago Cinema
2. **Which open-air theatre is located in one of London's most beautiful parks and stages shows during the summer?**
 - A) Regent's Park Open Air Theatre
 - B) Hot Tub Cinema
 - C) The Vaults
3. **Which theatre was designed by a German architect and built for a film festival in a small lagoon surrounded by cliffs in Thailand?**
 - A) The Vaults
 - B) Regent's Park Open Air Theatre
 - C) Archipelago Cinema
4. **Which theatre concept involves watching movies while sitting in hot tubs and has been held in various unusual locations like rooftops and abandoned buildings?**
 - A) The Vaults
 - B) Hot Tub Cinema
 - C) Archipelago Cinema
5. **Which cinema, conceived by a French artist, was never officially opened due to technical issues but gained viral popularity for its post-apocalyptic aesthetic?**
 - A) The End of World Cinema
 - B) The Vaults
 - C) Hot Tub Cinema
6. **Which theatre offers an immersive experience with productions like "Alice Underground" and "Sounds and Sorcery"?**
 - A) The End of World Cinema
 - B) The Vaults
 - C) Regent's Park Open Air Theatre
7. **Which theatre has rows of chairs set in the desert of the Sinai Peninsula, providing a unique yet surreal cinema experience?**
 - A) Archipelago Cinema
 - B) Regent's Park Open Air Theatre
 - C) The End of World Cinema

Task 3. Read the text. Choose the correct option.

In her comprehensive study, *Sources of London English*, Laura Wright 1) _____ the various medieval workers whose livelihoods depended on the Thames. Among these were customs officers at Queenhithe and Billingsgate, conservators 2) _____ for embankments, and garthmen working in fish enclosures.

Other roles included galley-men, lightermen, shoutmen, and hookers, named for their 3) _____. Searchers sought out illegal fish 4) _____, while tidemen worked along the banks during low tide.

These occupations, crucial to river trade, persisted for centuries despite the 5) _____ labor involved. Workers often carried goods on their backs or used poles for heavy loads due to 6) _____ surfaces for wagons.

Up to the 18th century, river work was seen 7) _____; workers were prosperous and enjoyed high status. However, from the late 18th to early 19th century, the East End of London 8) _____ a negative reputation, and dockside labor became the least desirable work.

The first industrial community in England 9) _____ around the Thames, with numerous trades supporting river workers. The East End, densely populated with a diverse range of businesses, became one of the most 10) _____ areas in London.

Task 4. Choose the correct phrasal verb to fill in the gaps.

1. Charlie _____ his coat and sat down.
2. The flowers _____ a nice smell.
3. The author has just _____ a new detective story.
4. He can't _____ his mind about what to do next.
5. I ... very well _____ my new classmates.
6. Pick up your pencils and _____ the notes.
7. That shop _____ free candies to all children.
8. It is really challenging task to _____ children nowadays.
9. Jim _____ the bus outside the cinema.
10. It was really dark and I couldn't _____ the sign on the road.
11. The dustmen are coming to _____ the rubbish.
12. I told him it was a secret but he still it
13. The changes in the earth's atmosphere _____ many changes in the water.
14. The thief himself to the police. _____
15. I tried to _____ all day long, but nobody answered the phone.